

REMARKS

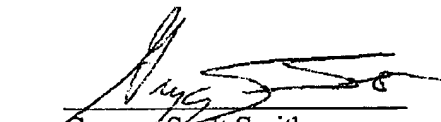
The applicant appreciates the Office's attention to this matter. The Office has indicated that some claims are allowed and that other claims would be allowable if rewritten. The above-presented claims are in conformance with the instructions received from the Office and thus, are all in condition for being issued in a US Patent.

The Office has allowed claims 1, 2 and 46-49. The applicant has resubmitted these claims without revision marks. The Office has indicated that claims 35, 36, 42 and 43 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims have been rewritten accordingly and the applicant respectfully requests the Office to allow these claims. The remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice and the applicant reserves the right to resubmit the canceled claims in a continuation application.

The applicant respectfully requests the Office to provide a notice of allowance for the instant case. If there are any issues that can be addressed through a telephone conference or an examiner's amendment, the Office is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney for the applicant. At the entrance of this response, 5 independent claims and 10 claims in total are active. There is not additional fees for claim additions as the original application included 5 independent claims and 27 claims in total.

In the Offices March 3, 2004 Official Action, the Office indicated that Figs. 1 and 6 of the drawings were not accepted because the top margin was not 2.5cm. Revised Figs. 1 and 6 are being submitted. Please provide an indication that these drawings are now accepted.

Respectfully submitted,



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